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PMW 170 Holds Change of Charge Ceremony

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SAN DIEGO – Michelle Bailey was honored at a Change of Charge Ceremony June 21, having served as the PMW 170 (Communications Program Office) Program Manager, PEO C4I and Space.



Andrew Cox presents Michelle Bailey with a Command Plaque and the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award for her outstanding service from October 1998 to November 2004 during the Change of Charge Ceremony June 21.

Bailey has been selected to be the Deputy Chief Engineer for SPAWAR, replacing the retired James Kadane. Captain John W.R. Pope III relieved Bailey as the PMW 170 Program Manager.

The ceremony's guest speakers included Rear Adm. Ken Slaght, SPAWAR Commander, and Andrew Cox, Executive Director, Deputy Program Executive Officer for PEO C4I and Space. Both expressed their appreciation for Bailey's dedication as PMW 170 Program Manager.

"Thank you for your service, Michelle. Your impact is invaluable and it will continue to be that way as you transfer to the FORCEnet Delivery Team," said Cox.

"Developing and delivering FORCEnet is what

SPAWAR is all about and ensuring that it's done correctly and with consistency is the Chief Engineer's job," said Rear Adm. Slaght, "and I can't think of a better person to be the number two person in the responsibility chain."

The PMW 170 vision is to be the preeminent provider of all radios, terminals and antennas, not including Airborne Maritime Fixed Radio, and the single C4I communications integrator for PEO C4I and Space.

As the PMW 170 Program Manager, Bailey was responsible for all Navy satellite communications terminals in the frequency spectrum above 2GHz, which included Navy Extremely High Frequency Satellite Terminals, the Super High Frequency terminals, and commercial C-band terminals. She was also responsible for the Global Positioning System, Common High Bandwidth Data Link, Battle Force Email 66, Digital Wideband Transmission System, and Enhanced Position Location Reporting System – Data Radio, Environmental Satellite Receiver Processor, and many other radio systems.

Bailey also served as the Program Manager for PMW 176, the Navy Satellite Communications Program Office, which became PMW 170. She previously worked in SPAWAR PMW 157, the Naval Command and Control Systems Programs Office, where she served as program integrator bringing the three Joint Maritime Command

Information System variants together with common computer hardware and common processes. She also managed the information technology for the 21st Century pilot installation aboard the Lincoln Battle Group and Essex Amphibious Ready Group.

Additional assignments included 22 years at the Naval Air Warfare Center China Lake near Ridgecrest, Calif., where she had multiple roles including Range Architect managing modern range acquisition and Advanced Signal Processing Branch Head. She also took a one-year tour with the Chief of Naval Operations directorate for test and evaluation and technology requirements in Washington, DC.

She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science from the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in 1980, and a Master of Science Degree in Computer Science from California State University at Chico in 1984.



Assuming the role of Program Manager is Captain John W.R. Pope III who was selected to lead PMW 170 after completing a rigorous evaluation process.

Pope joins PMW 170 after serving as the fifth Commanding Officer of SPAWAR Systems Center, Charleston, SC.

For two years, Pope served as Bailey's Deputy Program Manager for the Naval Satellite Communications Systems Program Office.

"You're terrific," Bailey said, "and you're going to accomplish many great things as the new PMW 170 Program Manager."

After completing Surface Warfare Officer School, FFG-7, Engineering Officer and Damage Control Assistant training, he reported to the USS Gallery (FFG-26) in June 1984. While serving aboard the USS Gallery, Pope made an Eastern Pacific and a Persian Gulf deployment and qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer. During this tour, he served as Damage Control Assistant and Ordnance Officer.

Additionally, he served as the Force Combat Systems Officer, Naval Surface Force, US Pacific Fleet in San Diego from August 1995 to August 1998. From September 1998 to June 2000, he served as a Joint Task Group Manager and Afloat Installations Manager within the Installations and Logistics Directorate at SPAWAR.

Pope earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania, Magna Cum Laude, and earned his Navy commission in 1983. While attending NPS from May 1987 – September 1989, he earned a Master of Science Degree with distinction in electrical engineering and proceeded to the Engineering Duty Basic School in October 1989.

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